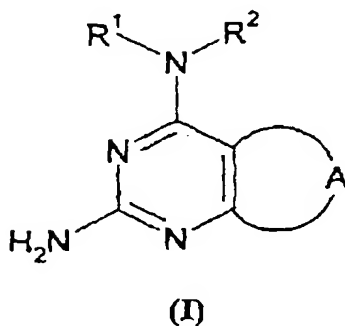


IN THE CLAIMS

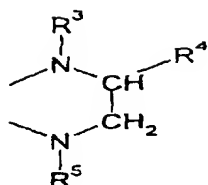
Amended Claims

1. (Presently Amended) A compound of the formula I

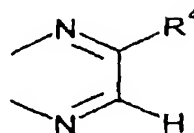


in which

A



or



R¹ is hydrogen, C₁-C₂₀-alkyl, C₂-C₂₀-alkenyl, C₂-C₂₀-alkynyl, cycloalkyl with three to eight ring carbon atoms, cycloalkenyl with three to eight ring carbon atoms, cycloalkylalkyl with five to six ring carbon atoms, aryl, heteroaryl, alkylaryl, alkylheteroaryl, or arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl, wherein R¹ is unsubstituted or substituted with at least one substituent chosen from R⁶,

R² is C₁-C₂₀-alkyl, C₂-C₂₀-alkenyl, C₂-C₂₀-alkynyl, cycloalkyl with three to eight ring carbon atoms, cycloalkenyl with three to eight ring carbon atoms, cycloalkylalkyl with five to six ring carbon atoms, aryl, heteroaryl, alkylaryl, or

alkylheteroaryl, arylalkyl, or heteroarylalkyl wherein R² is unsubstituted or substituted with at least one substituent chosen from R⁶,

or R¹ and R², together with the nitrogen atom bearing them, form a 3-8-membered ring which may optionally comprises 0, 1 or 2 further heteroatoms chosen from N, O, and S, and wherein said 3-8-membered ring is unsubstituted or substituted by at least one substituent chosen from R⁶ radical,

R³ is hydrogen, -CO-alkyl, -CO-alkylaryl, -CO-alkylheteroaryl, ~~or~~ -CO-aryl, or -CO-heteroaryl,

R⁴ is C₁-C₂₀-alkyl, C₂-C₂₀-alkenyl, C₂-C₂₀-alkynyl, cycloalkyl with three to eight ring carbon atoms, cycloalkenyl with three to eight ring carbon atoms, cycloalkylalkyl with five to six ring carbon atoms, aryl, heteroaryl, alkylaryl, alkylheteroaryl, arylalkyl, heteroarylalkyl, -CO-O-alkyl, -CO-O-aryl, -CO-O-heteroaryl, -CO-alkyl, ~~-CO-O-aryl~~, -CO-aryl or -CO-heteroaryl wherein R⁴ is unsubstituted or substituted with at least one substituent chosen from R⁷,

R⁵ is hydrogen, -CO-alkyl, -CO-alkylaryl, -CO-alkylheteroaryl, ~~or~~ -CO-aryl, or -CO-heteroaryl,

R⁶ is -F, -OH, -O-(C₁-C₁₀)-alkyl, -O-phenyl, -O-CO-(C₁-C₁₀)-alkyl, -O-CO-aryl, -O-CO-heteroaryl, -NR⁸R⁹, oxo, phenyl, -CO-(C₁-C₅)-alkyl, -CF₃, -CN, -CONR⁸R⁹, -COOH, -CO-O-(C₁-C₅)-alkyl, -CO-O-aryl, -CO-O-heteroaryl, -S(O)_n-(C₁-C₅)-alkyl, -SO₂-NR⁸R⁹,

R⁷ is -F, -OH, -O-(C₁-C₁₀)-alkyl, -O-phenyl, -O-CO-(C₁-C₁₀)-alkyl, O-CO-O-aryl, O-CO-O-heteroaryl, -NR⁸R⁹, oxo, phenyl, -CO-(C₁-C₅)-alkyl, -CF₃, -CN, -CONR⁸R⁹, -COOH, -CO-O-(C₁-C₅)-alkyl, -CO-O-aryl, -S(O)_n-(C₁-C₅)-alkyl, -SO₂-NR⁸R⁹,

R⁸ is hydrogen or C₁-C₂₀-alkyl, and

R⁹ is hydrogen, C₁-C₂₀-alkyl, ~~or~~ aryl, or heteroaryl,

wherein aryl groups are carbocyclic aryl groups,
wherein heteroaryl groups are 5- to 7-membered unsaturated heterocycles
comprising 1-4 heteroatoms chosen from O, N, and S,

or a physiologically acceptable salt, hydrate, or ester thereof, in any stereoisomeric or tautomeric form, ~~or a mixture of any such compounds in any ratio.~~

2. (Presently Amended) The compound of the formula I as claimed in claim 1, in which

R¹ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₁₀)-alkyl, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, or (C₁-C₃)-alkylaryl, (C₁-C₃)-alkylheteroaryl, or arylalkyl, or heteroarylalkyl, wherein R¹ is unsubstituted or the alkyl radicals are substituted with at least one substituent chosen from R⁶,

R² is (C₁-C₁₀)-alkyl, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, or (C₁-C₃)-alkylaryl, or (C₁-C₃)-alkylheteroaryl wherein R² is unsubstituted or the alkyl radicals are substituted with at least one substituent chosen from R⁶,

or R¹ and R² may, together with the nitrogen atom bearing them, form a 3-8-membered ring, wherein said 3-8-membered ring optionally comprises 0, 1 or 2 further heteroatoms chosen from N, O, and S and wherein said 3-8-membered ring is unsubstituted or substituted by at least one substituent chosen from R⁶ radical,

R³ is hydrogen, -CO-(C₁-C₇)-alkyl, -CO-(C₁-C₃)-alkylaryl, ~~or~~ -CO-(C₁-C₃)-alkylheteroaryl, -CO-aryl, or -CO-heteroaryl,

R⁴ is (C₁-C₁₀)-alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, (C₁-C₃)-alkylaryl, (C₁-C₃)-alkylheteroaryl -CO-O-(C₁-C₅)-alkyl, -CO-O-aryl, -CO-O-heteroaryl, -CO-(C₁-C₅)-alkyl, ~~or~~ CO-aryl or -CO-heteroaryl, wherein R⁴ is unsubstituted or the alkyl radicals are substituted with at least one substituent chosen from R⁷,

R⁵ is hydrogen, CO-(C₁-C₇)-alkyl, -CO-(C₁-C₃)-alkylaryl, -CO-(C₁-C₃)-alkylheteroaryl, ~~or~~ -CO-aryl, or -CO-heteroaryl,

R⁶ is -F, -OH, -O-(C₁-C₁₀)-alkyl, -O-phenyl, -O-CO-(C₁-C₁₀)-alkyl, -O-CO-aryl, -O-CO-heteroaryl, -NR⁸R⁹, oxo, phenyl, -CO-(C₁-C₅)-alkyl, -CF₃, -CN, -CONR⁸R⁹, -COOH, -CO-O-(C₁-C₅)-alkyl, -CO-O-aryl, -CO-O-heteroaryl, -S(O)_n-(C₁-C₅)-alkyl, -SO₂-NR⁸R⁹,

R⁷ is -F, -OH, -O-(C₁-C₁₀)-alkyl, -O-phenyl, -O-CO-(C₁-C₁₀)-alkyl, -O-CO-aryl, O-CO-heteroaryl, -NR⁸R⁹, oxo, phenyl, -CO-(C₁-C₅)-alkyl, -CF₃, -CN, -CONR⁸R⁹, -COOH, -CO-O-(C₁-C₅)-alkyl, -CO-O-aryl, -CO-O-heteroaryl, -S(O)_n-(C₁-C₅)-alkyl, -SO₂-NR⁸R⁹,

R⁸ is hydrogen or (C₁-C₅)-alkyl, and

R⁹ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₅)-alkyl or phenyl,

wherein each aryl group is ~~chosen from phenyl or, naphthyl and heteroaryl groups,~~ and

wherein said heteroaryl groups are 5- to 7-membered unsaturated heterocycles comprising 1-4 heteroatoms chosen from O, N, and S,

wherein said phenyl, naphthyl and heteroaryl groups are substituted groups which are substituted by at least one substituent chosen from halogen, (C₁-C₅)-alkyl or phenyl, -OH, -O-(C₁-C₅)-alkyl, (C₁-C₂)-alkylenedioxy, -N⁸R⁹, -NO₂, -CO-(C₁-C₅)-alkyl, -CF₃, -CN, -CONR⁸R⁹, -COOH, -CO-O-(C₁-C₅)-alkyl, -S(O)_n-(C₁-C₅)-alkyl, -SO₂-NR⁸R⁹,

~~wherein said heteroaryl groups are 5- to 7-membered unsaturated heterocycles comprising at least one or more heteroatom chosen from O, N, S, and~~

wherein n is 0, 1 or 2,

or a physiologically acceptable salt, hydrate, or ester thereof, in any stereoisomeric or tautomeric form, ~~or a mixture of any such compounds in any ratio.~~

3. (Presently Amended) A compound of the formula I as claimed in claim 1, in which

R¹ is hydrogen, unsubstituted (C₂-C₄)-alkyl, substituted (C₂-C₄)-alkyl which is substituted by at least one R⁶, or (C₁-C₂)-alkyl aryl or (C₁-C₂)-alkylheteroaryl,

R² is unsubstituted (C₂-C₄)-alkyl, substituted (C₂-C₄)-alkyl which is substituted by at least one R⁶, or cyclohexylmethyl or (C₁-C₂)-alkylaryl or (C₁-C₂)-alkylheteroaryl,

or R¹ and R², together with the nitrogen atom bearing them, form a 5-7-membered ring wherein said 5-7-membered ring optionally comprises an additional heteroatom chosen from N, O, and S,

R³ is hydrogen, -CO-(C₁-C₃)-alkyl, ~~or~~ -CO-aryl or -CO-heteroaryl,

R⁴ is aryl, heteroaryl, (C₁-C₅)-alkyl, ~~or~~ -CO-O-aryl or -CO-heteroaryl, wherein R⁴ is unsubstituted or substituted with at least one substituent chosen from R⁷,

R⁵ is hydrogen,

R⁶ is -OH, -O-(C₁-C₃)-alkyl, -NR⁸R⁹ or -COOH, and

R⁷ is -OH, (C₁-C₁₀)-alkyloxy, phenoxy or oxo,

wherein each aryl group is ~~chosen from phenyl, thiophenyl, furyl or pyridyl,~~

wherein said heteroaryl groups are chosen from thiophenyl, furyl and pyridyl,

wherein said phenyl, thiophenyl, furyl or pyridyl groups are unsubstituted groups or substituted groups which are substituted by at least one substituent chosen from (C₁-C₃)-alkyl, halogen, (C₁-C₃)-alkyloxy and (C₁-C₂)-alkylenedioxy, and

or a physiologically acceptable salt, hydrate, or ester thereof, in any stereoisomeric or tautomeric form, ~~or a mixture of any such compounds in any ratio.~~

4. (Presently Amended) A compound of the formula I as claimed in claim 1, in which

R¹ is arylmethyl,-

R² is arylmethyl or cyclohexylmethyl,

or R¹ and R², together with the nitrogen atom bearing them, form a pyrrolidine, piperidine, morpholine, dimethylmorpholine, thiomorpholine, or N-(C₁-C₂)-alkylpiperazine ring,

R³ is hydrogen,

R⁴ is alkyl or 1,2-dihydroxypropyl,

R⁵ is hydrogen

R⁶ is -OH, -O-(C₁-C₃)-alkyl, -NR⁸R⁹ or -COOH, and

R⁷ is -OH, decyloxy or phenoxy,

wherein each aryl group is chosen from unsubstituted phenyl or substituted phenyl, which is substituted by at least one substituent chosen from (C₁-C₃)-alkyl, halogen and (C₁-C₃)-alkyloxy and (C₁-C₂)-alkylenedioxy,

or a physiologically acceptable salt, hydrate, or ester thereof, in any stereoisomeric or tautomeric form, ~~or a mixture of any such compounds in any ratio.~~

5. (Presently Amended) The compound as claimed in claim 1, which is a tetrahydropteridine wherein R⁴ is aryl, heteroaryl, (C₁-C₅)-alkyl or -CO-O-aryl or -CO-O-(heteroaryl), and wherein said R⁴ is unsubstituted or substituted with at least one substituent chosen from R⁷.

6. (Presently Amended) The compound as claimed in claim 1, which is a pteridine wherein

R^1 and R^2 are each, independently alkyl or aryl, or heteroaryl, or

R^1 is hydrogen and R^2 is cycloalkyl or cycloalkylalkyl, and

wherein R^4 is aryl, (C₁-C₅)-alkyl or -CO-O-aryl or -CO-O-(heteroaryl), wherein said R^4 is unsubstituted or substituted with at least one substituent chosen from R^7 .

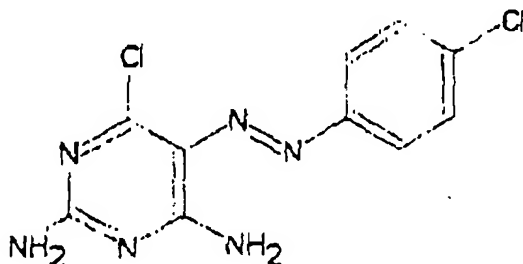
7. (Presently Amended) A pharmaceutical comprising ~~at least one of the~~ compounds as claimed in claim 1 and ~~at least one~~ additional ingredient chosen from conventional excipients and additives.

8. (Presently Amended) A method of treating or preventing strokes, ~~pathological falls in blood pressure, ulcerative colitis, transplant rejection reactions, nephritis, reperfusion damage, infarct damage, cardiomyopathy, Alzheimer's disease, epilepsy, migraine and neuritis of varying etiology~~ comprising administration of at least one pharmaceutical of claim 7 to a patient in need thereof.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) A process for preparing the compound as claimed in claim 1 comprising reacting a compound of the formula II

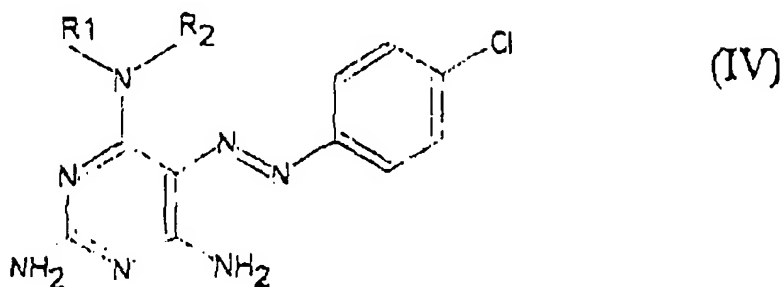


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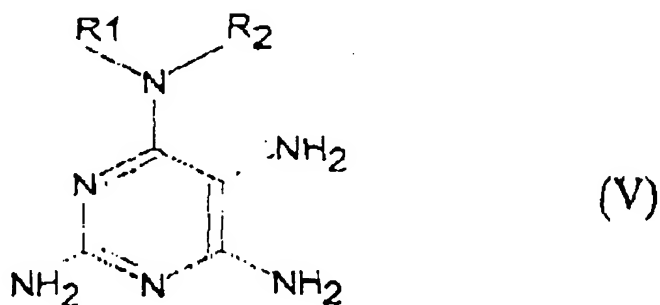
with a compound of the formula III



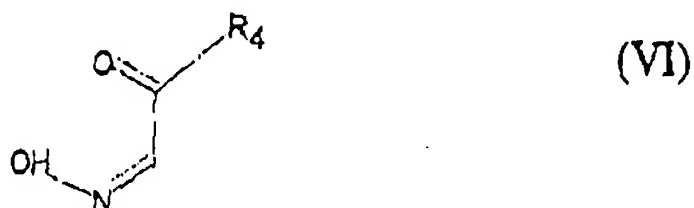
which results in a compound of the formula IV



wherein the compound of formula IV is converted to a compound of formula V by catalytic hydrogenation



and wherein a compound of formula V is reacted with a compound of the formula VI



to give a compound of formula I.

12 - 14. (Cancelled).